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Re: Scientific Chemical Processing
411 Wilson Avenue
Newark, New Jersey

Dear Ms. Feldstein:

This letter is in response to Mr. Labrizzi's recent Request for Information regarding the above site sent to CIBA-GEIGY Corporation (CIBA-GEIGY). This response is submitted on behalf of, and is limited to, CIBA-GEIGY's Cranston, Rhode Island facility.

A search of this facility's disposal and accounts payable records has located documents regarding transactions with Scientific Chemical Processing during the period from June 1972 to February 1979. Photocopies of these documents are being made and will be forwarded to you under separate cover.

With the exception of three truckloads billed on 2/6/76 where drums are noted on the shipping documents, all of the material from this facility sent to Scientific Chemical Processing was liquid material shipped via tank truck. In general, this material was either 1) a mixture of sulphuric or acetic acid and water; or 2) a mixture containing solvents and/or alcohols.

The acid materials were shipped during the period from June 1972 to July 1976 and were to have been neutralized prior to disposal. The solvent/alcohol containing materials were sent to Scientific Chemical Processing for reuse or blending for incineration. Shipments of this latter type of material began with two single tank truck shipments in December 1974 and ended in February 1979. The predominant material of this type was



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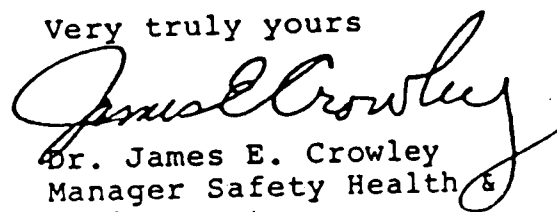
composed of toluene (app. 11%) IPA (app. 64%) and water (app. 25%). For the period 1977 - 1979 most of the shipments were of this material, and the shipping documents for them clearly state that the "Material is to be disposed of by thermo-oxidation." Two letters from Scientific Chemical Processing from this period also confirm that the mixed solvent and/or alcohol materials from this facility were to be recovered or blended for incineration. An earlier letter from Scientific Chemical Processing dated 8/20/74, states that representative samples of three materials, each composed primarily of IPA/toluene/water, had been found suitable for blending and incineration. Further information regarding the specific nature the material in each shipment is contained in the documents, which likewise show the approximate quantity of each shipment.

The documents located all reflect transactions with Scientific Chemical Processing. In general, the invoices for transactions through early 1976 have a letterhead address of 216 Paterson Plank Road, Carlstadt while those after this date have a letterhead address of 411 Wilson Avenue, Newark. The documents do not, however, reflect the actual site of disposal or incineration. It was our understanding, however, that the Newark facility did not commence operations until sometime in 1976. Moreover, for shipments accompanied by a New Jersey Special Waste Manifest, it appears that the destination listed throughout is 216 Paterson Plank Road, Carlstadt, not Newark.

In response to your questions number 8 and 9, we are generally aware that many other companies are alleged by EPA to have had dealings with Scientific Chemical Processing.

If you have any further questions regarding the above, please contact Patricia L. Goughan, Esq., CIBA-GEIGY Corporation, 444 Saw Mill River Road, Ardsley, NY 10502, (914) 478-3131.

Very truly yours


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